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## Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the Abstract.

Please add a <u>new</u> Abstract as follows:

A trusted agent for enabling the check of the access of a user operating a first computer system controlled by a first security system to software and/or data on a second computer system controlled by a second security system. The trusted agent includes several functions, including:

(a) reception of a user-id for the second computer system and transmission of the user-id to the second security system; (b) retrieval of a shared secret, which is registered in the fist security system and in the second security system, from the second security system; and (3) transmission of the shared secret from the trusted agent to the second computer system.